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SUBJECT: ILO - SRI LANKA'S POSITION ON PROPOSED 1976-77

BIENNIAL ILO BUDGET

REF: COLOMBO 3584

1. REFTEL DESCRIBES BALANCE OF PAYMENTS DEFICIT THAT WILL AFFECT SRI LANKA IN 1975.

2. WHEN THE PRESENT ILO BUDGET (1974-75 BIENNIUM) WAS DISCUSSED IN DRAFT STAGE, THE SRI LANKA AMBASSADOR IN GENEVA, PROTESTED THAT HIS COUNTRY'S ASSESSMENT (\$22,567 IN CY 74 AND \$18,054 IN CY 75) REPRESENTED A SERIOUS BURDEN ON HIS COUNTRY'S LIMITED RESOURCES.

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3. IN DRAFT 1976-77 BUDGET WHICH HAS BEEN CIRCULATED BY

DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR CONSIDERATION BY 195TH SESSION OF ILO GOVERNING BODY IN FEBRUARY 1975, SRI LANKA'S ASSESSMENT IN CY 76 WILL BE APPROXIMATELY \$26,900, AND IN CY 77 APPROXIMATELY \$20,200. (THIS ASSUMES THAT SRI LANKA'S RATE WILL BE .04 PERCENT IN 1976 AND .03 PER CENT IN 1977, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DECISION OF THE 59TH CONFERENCE.)

4. PRESENT BUDGET ESTIMATES AS PRESENTED BY DIRECTOR GENERAL ARE BASED ON RATE OF EXCHANGE OF 3.10 SWISS FRANCS TO 1 U.S. DOLLAR. IF THE RATE OF EXCHANGE REMAINS

SUBSTANTIALLY LESS FAVORABLE THAN THAT, AS IT PRESENTLY IS, THE DIRECTOR COULD PROPOSE A FLAT INCREASE IN THE PRESENT BUDGET ESTIMATES TO COVER THE DIFFERENCE IN CURRENCY RATES, AND ALL ASSESSMENTS, INCLUDING SRI LANKA'S, COULD BE INCREASED.

5. REQUEST LABOR ATTACHE GENEVA RAISE THIS MATTER WITH SRI LANKA AMBASSADOR AND ATTEMPT TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER HE EXPECTS TO SPEAK IN THE 195TH GOVERNING BODY BUDGET DEBATE ON THIS MATTER, AND IF SO, WHAT POSITION HE IS LIKELY TO TAKE ON THE INCREASE.

6. WE HOPE THAT SRI LANKA AMBASSADOR WILL BRING QUESTION OF ILO BUDGET INCREASE TO ATTENTION OF HIS GOVERNMENT. KISSINGER

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